

PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E)

JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS (FOR UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS)

PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E).

(Also called PRO or PRO-Gear.) Articles of HHG in a member's possession needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later destination. Examples include:

1. reference material;
2. instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, and members of the professions;
3. specialized clothing such as diving suits, astronauts' suits, flying suits and helmets, band uniforms, chaplains' vestments, and other specialized apparel not normal or usual uniform or clothing;
4. communication equipment used by members in association with the MARS (see DoDD 4650.2);
5. individually owned or specially issued field clothing and equipment;
6. an official award given to a member by a Service (or a component thereof) for service performed by the member in the member's capacity or by a professional society/organization/ U.S. or foreign Government for significant contributions in connection with official duties; and
7. personal computers and accompanying equipment used for official Government business (i.e., CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse, 1 printer, 1 set of small computer speakers).

NOTE: Excluded from PBP&E are sports equipment, and office, household, or shop fixtures or furniture (such as bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks) of any kind even though used in connection with the PBP&E.

Professional Books, Papers, and Equipment (PBP&E).

A member is authorized PBP&E transportation, when the member certifies the PBP&E as necessary for official duty. PBP&E is transported in the same manner as HHG, including incident to separation, relief from active duty or retirement, but is not charged against the authorized weight allowances in subpar. B. When the items no longer qualify as PBP&E, they may be transported or placed in NTS incident to the next PCS as PBP&E. Articles which lose their identity as PBP&E are HHG, if otherwise qualified.

JOINT TRAVEL REGULATIONS (DoD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL)

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A. Policy.

PBP&E:

1. includes an employee's personally-owned professional or specialized items and other materials used for official duty performance (see Appendix A);
2. does not include sports equipment; office, household, or shop fixtures; or furniture (e.g., bookcases, file cabinets, desks, and racks of any kind); and
3. are HHG. If the PBP&E may cause an excess weight condition, PBP&E may be moved under subpars. B & C.

B. Conditions.

PBP&E shipment as an administrative expense, as opposed to a HHG transportation expense, may be authorized/approved subject to the following conditions:

1. the employee must furnish an itemized inventory of PBP&E for review by an official designated by the authorizing/order-issuing command, at the new PDS;
2. the employee must furnish appropriate evidence (as determined by the authorizing/order-issuing command) that transporting the itemized materials as part of the HHG results in a weight in excess of the maximum weight allowance; and
3. an appropriate official designated by the authorizing/order-issuing command at the new PDS, must review and certify that the itemized PBP&E, are necessary for the proper performance of the employee's duties at the new PDS, and that if these items are not transported to the new PDS, the same or similar items would have to be obtained (at Government expense) for the employee's use at the new PDS.